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## USDA TO MEASURE SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION

ATHENS, GA – In the upcoming week, growers of small grains around the country will receive survey forms from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The agency is taking a comprehensive look into the 2020 production and supply of small grains, which include wheat, oats, and rye.

"The small grains industry is an important part of U.S. agriculture and it is crucial for us to have accurate data about this key sector of the economy," said NASS Southern Regional Director Anthony Prillaman. "We will contact close to 4,000 producers in the Southern region (Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina) to accurately measure 2020 acreage, yield, and production for small grains."

NASS will contact survey participants to gather information on their 2020 production and the quantities of whole grains stored on farm. As an alternative to mailing the survey back and to help save both time and money, growers will have the option to respond to the survey securely online. Farmers who have not responded by Friday, August 28, 2020 may be contacted for a telephone interview by a National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) enumerator.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Survey results will be published in several reports, including the annual *Small Grains Summary* and the quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released on Wednesday, September 30, 2020. These and all NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For more information call the NASS Southern Regional Field Office at (800) 253-4419.

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